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SUBJECT : OJT TRAINING ON BOARD USS JONAS INGRAM

1. DCM SPOKE MAY 15 WITH LCMDR MABLESON, UAE NAVAL FORCE (NF) OFFICER WHO LIAISED WITH INGRAM IN DUBAI PRIOR TO START OF OJT EXERCISE. MABLESON WAS EXTREMELY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF THAT EXERCISE IN TERMS OF THE IMPACT ON THE TWO OFFICERS INVOLVED (HE COMMENTED THAT THE THIRD HAD JUST BEEN HAULED UP ON THE CARPET). HE SAID THE TWO OFFICERS HAD BEEN MOST ENTHUSIASTIC REGARDING BOTH THE TRAINING AND THE OVERALL WAY IN WHICH THEY WERE RECEIVED ON BOARD THE INGRAM. AND FROM NF POINT OF VIEW, THE CHANCE FOR THEM TO SEE A REAL NAVY AT WORK HAD BEEN MOST BENEFICIAL.
2. RE FUTURE EXERCISES, MABLESON STATED THAT CAPT NABIL WAS IN THE PROCESS OF WRITING TO ADMIRAL CROWE STATING THAT NF WOULD WELCOME SUCH OPPORTUNITIES. MABLESON COMMENTED THAT UNDER THE NEW ORGANIZATION FUTURE EXERCISES WOULD HAVE TO BE ORGANIZED THROUGH THE GHQ RATHER THAN NF ITSELF.
3. COMMENT/ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WISHES TO EXPRESS

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ITS APPRECIATION TO COMIDEASTFOR FOR MAKING THIS EXERCISE POSSIBLE AND TO CMDR DODSON AND USS JONAS INGRAM FOR CARRYING IT OUT IN WHAT WAS CLEARLY EXEMPLARY FASHION. OBVIOUSLY IF THERE WERE PROBLEMS FROM US NAVY POINT OF VIEW WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THEM, BUT WE TRUST RESULTS WERE POSITIVE FROM YOUR SIDE AS WELL. AS FOR FUTURE OJT, WE HOPE THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE

AND CAN BECOME FAIRLY REGULAR EXERCISE INDEPENDENT OF FORMAL SHIP VISITS. MABLESON REMARKED THAT PERHAPS TWO OFFICERS WAS IDEAL NUMBER PARTICULARLY IF ENGLISH IS A PROBLEM. FYI. MABLESON TOLD CMDR DODSON AND DCM PEALE THAT OF 40 YOUNG LOCAL OFFICERS NOW ON BOARD ONLY A FEW SPEAK ENGLISH WITH FACILITY OF LT. JB. THANI QARWASH WHO DID OJT ON INGRAM. IN SHORT IT IS LIKELY IN FUTURE THAT BEST WE CAN EXPECT IS ONE OFFICER WHOSE ENGLISH IS REASONABLE AND ANOTHER WITH LESSER ABILITY. WORKING TOGETHER THEY SHOULD NOT ONLY BE ABLE TO COPE BUT ALSO LEARN. END FYI. AS FOR DURATION MABLESON SAID 3-4 DAYS WAS ABOUT RIGHT, ALTHOUGH WE THINK IT COULD BE LONGER IF PORT VISIT SOMEWHERE ELSE IS PART OF PROGRAM--I.E. POINT IS TO AVOID TOO MANY DAYS OF STRAIGHT SEA DUTY.

4. AS FOR HOW TO PROCEED, WE BELIEVE WE MUST TAKE INITIATIVE. NF WANTS PROGRAM BUT AROUND HERE IT IS TOO MUCH TO EXPECT THEM TO MAKE FORMAL REQUEST. ON OTHER HAND, IF COMIDEASTFOR CAN GIVE EMBASSY SOME SPECIFIC POSSIBILITIES WE CAN PROVIDE THEM TO NF LIAISON OFFICER IN GHQ WITH WHOM WE HAVE GOOD RELATIONS AND THINGS SHOULD MOVE AHEAD SMOOTHLY. PLEASE ADVISE.
DICKMAN

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